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1. Communist China



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2. Congo

a. Tshombé's 3,000 ex-Katangan gendarmes, camped in Kolwezi in Katanga after their arrival from Angola, rebelled yesterday over back pay.

b. Money squeezed out

partially mollified

them, but for how long is questionable.

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c. Red Cross officials recently in Stanleyville believe that a guarantee by Tshombé that there will be no air action against the city is required if they are to evacuate more than a token number of hostages.

d. The government garrison at Bukavu was bracing this morning against the long-expected rebel attack. A rebel force was reported some 24 road miles to the southeast.

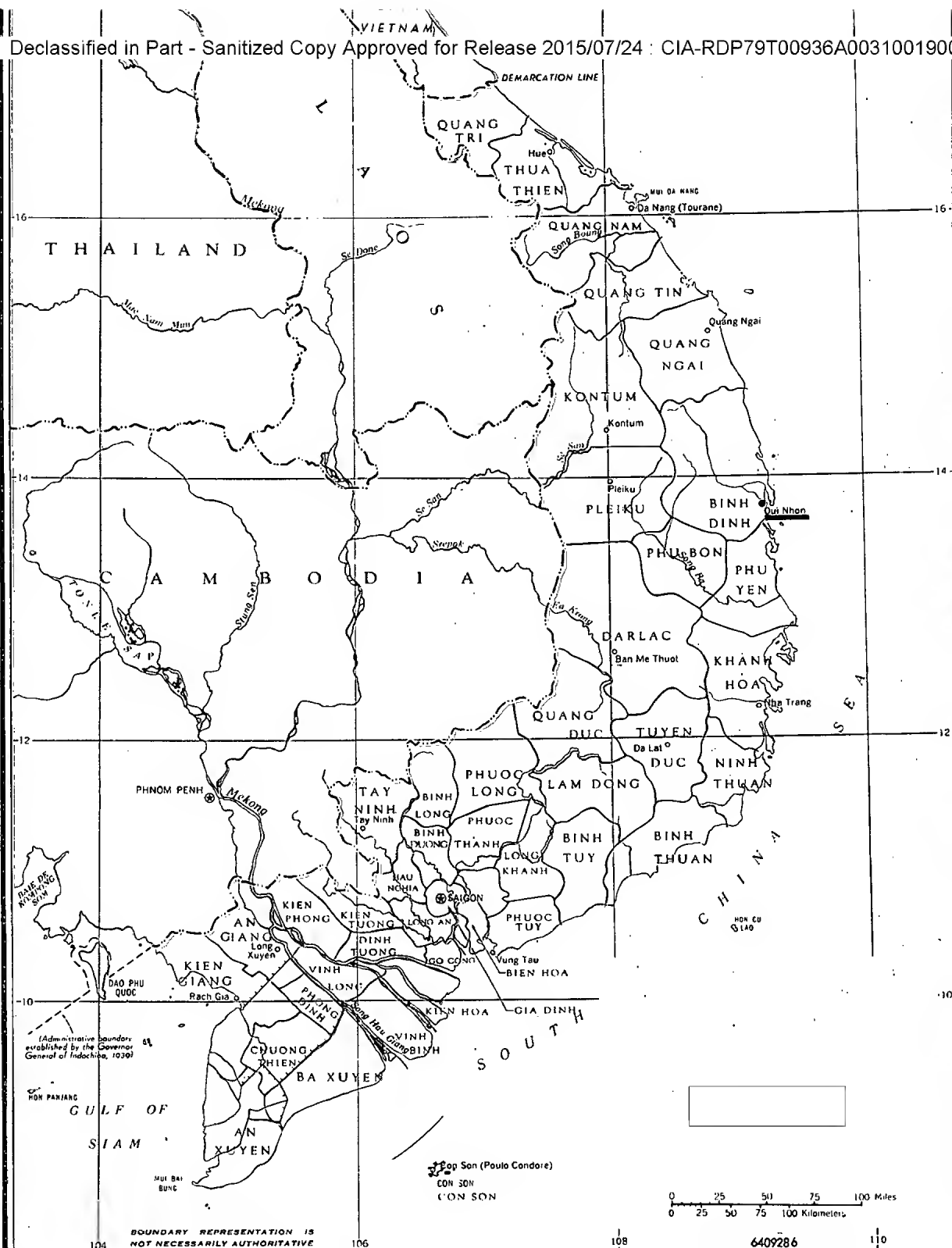
3. Colombia

a. Ambassador Oliver foresees a period of political drift in Colombia during which any serious political crisis could lead to a military takeover.

b. The government's coalition is so divided by personal rivalries and factionalisms that it may not be able to pass necessary legislation.

c. Economic difficulties continue, and the antiguerrilla campaign in Marquetalia drags on without apparent success.

d. Military leaders, particularly Minister of Defense Ruiz Novoa, are complaining openly, and may eventually be tempted to move in.



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4. South Vietnam

a. So far, Khanh seems to have carried off his action to establish control of the Rhade camp at Bon Sar Pa. He promised the Rhade that there would be no reprisals and that he would move quickly to solve montagnard problems.

b. Viet Cong activity continues at a high level, but without large-scale attacks.

c. The US Embassy comments that the political deterioration in Saigon is eroding governmental authority in the provinces, especially in central Vietnam. Here to a considerable extent, law and order in the cities has passed by default to extremist groups maintaining their own vigilante systems.

d. The gunfire in Qui Nhon over the weekend, for instance, was touched off by the formation of a local chapter of Dr. Quyen's People's Revolutionary Committee.

NOTES

- A. Ethiopia - Communist China The Chinese Communists have again been pressing Ethiopia for recognition. The US Embassy feels they are now about to urge a definite Ethiopian commitment. The embassy thinks the Ethiopians, anxious to prove their nonalignment and to strengthen their position in the OAU, are likely to make the move after the US elections.

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